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Atul Varadhachary et al.

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For: LACTOFERRIN IN THE REDUCTION OF
CIRCULATING CHOLESTEROL,
VASCULAR INFLAMMATION,
ATHEROSCLEROSIS AND
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

Examiner: H. A. Robinson

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 10, 2004, Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims Group I, claims 1-31 for continued examination, without traverse.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. 10315456 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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